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**U.S. Patent Documents**

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| 5,325,211            | Eschbach                | June 28, 1994              |
| 5,031,050            | Chan                    | July 9, 1991               |
| 5,045,952            | Eschbach                | September 3, 1991          |
| 5,014,333            | Miller et al.           | May 7, 1991                |
| 4,955,065            | Ulichney                | September 4, 1990          |
| 4,668,995            | Chen et al.             | May 26, 1987               |
| 4,194,221            | Stoffel                 | March 18, 1980             |

**Foreign Patent Documents**

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| 2000-165669          | Japan          | June 16, 2000              |

Japanese Application No. 2000-165669 corresponds to U.S. Application No. 09/399,180. For the examiner's reference, a copy of the U.S. Application is being submitted herewith, to assist the understanding of the Japanese publication.

The documents are being submitted within 3 months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no fee or certification is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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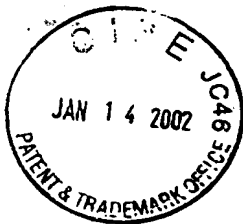
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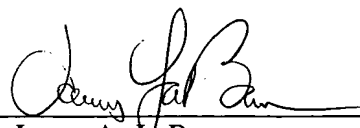
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